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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE, US

SUBJ: CHARGES OF US COMPLICITY IN ISRAELI RAID ON LEBANON

REF: STATE 68250

1. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS TEXT ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SISCO' S TAPED STATEMENT BROADCAST BY VOA AT  
2:00 P. M. EST APRIL 12.

2. QUOTE:

QUESTION: MR. SISCO, THERE IS A WIDESPREAD REPORT IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, AND  
SPECIFICALLY THE CIA, WERE IN COLLUSION WITH ISRAEL IN  
ITS RECENT RAID IN LEBANON AND THAT THE EMBASSY IS  
HARBORING PERSONS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THAT RAID. WILL YOU  
COMMENT ON THIS REPORT?

ANSWER: THIS IS A COMPLETE AND TOTALLY UNSUBSTANTIATED  
FABRICATION. I THINK ALL REASONABLE PEOPLE WILL RECOGNIZE  
THE FALSITY OF THIS CHARGE, JUST AS THEY CAME TO RECOGNIZE  
AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS TO THE FALSE  
CHARGES OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PARTICIPATION IN THE  
JUNE 1967 WAR. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRESENT REPORTS TO  
WHICH YOU REFER ARE BEING PUT OUT BY  
FEDAYEEN SOURCES WHO FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES HAVE REASON TO  
SEEK EXCUSES ELSEWHERE FOR THEIR FAILURE AND THEIR BANKRUPT  
POLICY OF WANTON TERROR AGAINST INNOCENT PARTIES.  
THIS IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THE VERY OLD, BIG LIE  
TECHNIQUE, AND IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF PUBLIC OPINION IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST WAS TAKEN IN BY IT. I AM CONFIDENT  
PUBLIC OPINION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN.  
OUR POLICY IS TO SEEK A SETTLEMENT OF THE TRAGIC MIDDLE  
EAST CONFLICT THAT IS JUST FOR ALL PARTIES CONCERNED  
INCLUDING THE PALESTINIANS, AND TO SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS  
IN THE ENTIRE ARAB WORLD. ANYONE WHO BELIEVES OTHERWISE  
IS A VICTIM OF A VICIOUS AND DESTRUCTIVE PROPAGANDA  
CAMPAIGN, WHICH CAN ONLY MAKE THE PRESENT TRAGIC CYCLE OF  
VIOLENCE EVEN WORSE. END QUOTE. ROGERS

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